

A NEW *FERNANDEZINA* FROM BRAZIL (ARANEAE, PALPIMANIDAE)

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ABSTRACT

The male of *Fernandezina tijuca*, new species, is described from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Based on morphology of embolus, sister relationship is suggested with *F. acuta* Platnick, 1975.

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INTRODUCTION

The genus *Fernandezina* Birabén, 1951, comprises four species, three of them from the Brazilian states of Pernambuco and Minas Gerais, and one from northern Argentina (PLATNICK, 1975; 1977). An additional species, *F. gyrongensis* Hu & Li, 1987, was described from China, but it was considered misplaced by PLATNICK (1993). *Fernandezina* is recognized by the dorsally unexpanded femur I, the tarsus I nearly as long as tibia I, and the enlarged abdominal scutum of males, covering at least half of dorsum (PLATNICK, 1975; 1977). A fourth Brazilian species is here described from Tijuca National Park, Rio de Janeiro.

The embolus of this new species is peculiar by its rather straight, long and acute shape. Only *Fernandezina acuta* Platnick, 1975, has a similar embolus, among all *Fernandezina* and *Anisaedus* Simon, 1893 species. As *Anisaedus* is supposed to be the sister group of *Fernandezina* (PLATNICK, 1975), and straight and long embolus is present only in the *walckenaeri* group of *Otiothops* (a derivative group not closely related with both genera), the feature appears to be a synapomorphy linking *Fernandezina acuta* and *F. tijuca* sp. n. as sister species.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Specimens are deposited in Museu de Zoologia, Universidade de São Paulo (MZSP, J. L. Leme) and Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales (MACN, C. L. Scioscia). The format of description follows PLATNICK (1975). All measurements are in millimeters.

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Fernandezina tijuca sp. n.

(Figs. 1, 2)

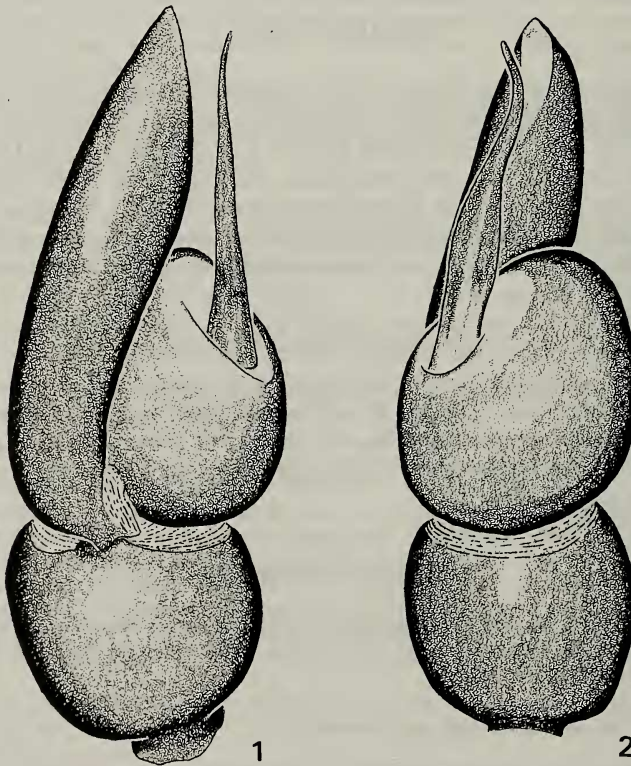
Type. Male holotype, Brazil, Rio de Janeiro State: Rio de Janeiro, Parque Nacional da Tijuca, 16.VI.1994, M. Ramírez & R. Baptista col. (MZSP).

Etimology. The specific name is a noun in apposition taken from the type locality.

Diagnosis. *Fernandezina tijuca* resembles *F. acuta* but may be distinguished by the long almost straight embolus and the long cymbial tip (figs. 1, 2).

Male. Total length 2.4. Carapace 1.2 long, 0.88 wide. First leg: femur 1.08 long, 0.26 high; patella 0.77 long; tibia 0.67 long; metatarsus 0.37 long; tarsus 0.52 long. Posterior median eyes separated by one and one-half times their diameter. All sclerotized integuments reddish-brown. Abdominal scutum covering two thirds of dorsum. One brown area at each side of abdomen, leaving a narrow cream strip on unsclerotized dorsum. Unsclerotized venter cream. Male palpal tibia globose, same size as tegulum (figs. 1, 2). Cymbium with apex almost as long as tegulum. Embolus originating retrolaterally, long, straight and flattened, partially translucent.

Natural history. Specimens were collected on leaf litter in forest. One immature



Figs. 1,2. *Fernandezina tijuca* sp. n., right palp: 1, prolateral view; 2, ventral view. Scale bar = 0,1 mm.

(MACN) from same locality probably belongs to the same species.

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